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Mr. Scott Harris, Clerk Supreme Court of the United States One First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

Re: Tommy Sharp, Petitioner v. Roderick Smith, Respondent, Case No. 19-1106 (capital case)

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rules 30.4 and 15.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, undersigned counsel for Respondent, Emma V. Rolls, hereby requests an extension of time of forty-five (45) days in which to respond to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari filed in the above-captioned case.

The Petitioner's petition was filed March 2, 2020, and docketed March 9, 2020. The Respondent's Brief in Opposition is currently due April 9, 2020. Counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a 45-day extension, which would render the brief due Monday, May 25, 2020. The extension is justified for the following reasons.

Respondent's counsel of record is the supervisor of the Capital Habeas Unit of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Oklahoma, which entrails numerous administrative and supervisory functions, including an increased workload litigating a challenge to the newly released lethal injection protocol for Oklahoma capital inmates. Ms. Rolls is also co-counsel on a certiorari petition currently due May 25, 2020, in *Harmon v. Sharp*, Supreme Court Case No. 19A1011. Further, Ms. Rolls is the lead attorney in *Tommy Sharp*, *Petitioner v. Jimmy Harris*, *Respondent*, Supreme Court Case No.19-1105, wherein the Brief in Opposition is due the same date on which the Brief in Opposition is currently due in this case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was filed over 20 days before its due date in *Harris*. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

<u>s/Emma V. Rolls</u>
 Emma V. Rolls
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 Western District of Oklahoma